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MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

The start of the Autumn Term at Kings' has already been full of excitement, opportunity and achievement, as you will see from some of the areas highlighted in this newsletter. We are delighted with the purposeful attitude and atmosphere in lessons and in the popularity of our extra-curricular clubs and activities. A huge thank you to the staff, parents and other members of the local community who continue to provide such a great experience for our pupils at Kings'.

'Thank you' to the parents that have participated in our first ' Shaping the Future' forums on assessment and reporting; and on pupil feedback. The sessions explored the purpose and structure of our assessment processes as well as the relevant information parents would like to know about how their children are progressing in their subjects and more widely across the school. The feedback forum explored the purpose and style of the feedback pupils receive as well as how we can maximise this to enable pupils to progress. Thank you to all who attended. We really value your input and hope to hear more of it through our upcoming events.

Shaping the Future Parents' Forum

Schools Behaviour Policy - 7th November (provisional) 5:30-6:30pm Keeping children safe in our community - 14th November 5:30-6:30pm Inclusivity & diversity - 28th November -5:30-6:30pm

Next week is a busy week. We publicly celebrate all that is great about Kings' School as we welcome our prospective Year 7 pupils to our Open Mornings and Evening.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, a special well done to our Year 7s who have settled quickly into Kings' and are already contributing to the life of the school.





PE AT KINGS'

With the start of the new academic year, extra-curricular sports clubs are back in full swing. The first week of the new term was exclusively given over to Year 7, who enjoyed taster sessions in football, rugby, basketball, netball, badminton and hockey. They were ably assisted by a number of sporting role models who gave generously of their time to help coach and assist. And from the second week of term onwards sports clubs for all years started once more and have been incredibly well attended. Our fixtures programme against other schools is also back in action.





No more FOMO - follow us on Instagram! KINGS HANTS

ENTERPRISE DAY

Pupils from Kings' School, Winchester had a fantastic opportunity to investigate their future education and career options by attending the schools bespoke Careers and Employability Fair. With over 30 colleges, training providers, universities and employers available to provide first hand advice, no one was stuck for inspiration.

In the evening parents/carers were invited to share the experience with their children, and develop their knowledge and understanding of all the current post 16/18 options available to young people. Hearing from one pupil made the whole event worthwhile:

"This event has truly opened my eyes to so many exciting future opportunities"

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Well done to one of our pupils, Rebecca Chuter Smith, Yr11. Rebecca was selected along with 13 other under 18's, to represent Team GB at the Junior Open Agility World Championships in Finland 2022 with her Shetland Sheepdog, Bella.

22 people and 14 dogs travelled by coach through 8 countries!! England, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, Denmark and finally Finland. The journey took 3 days each way.

The dog agility show was over 4 days with great results for Team GB. Rebecca and her three teammates WON the Junior Small Team Agility ... with all four handlers and their dogs getting clear rounds ... what a fantastic achievement. They are now World Champions.

KINGS' SCHOOL PUPILS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO

WINCHESTER COLLEGE EVENING TALKS

> CONTACT Hrf@wincoll.ac.uk to book

Weds 2 Nov: The Cameron Bespolka Memorial Wildlife Lecture: 'Across a Waking Land: A Long Walk through a British Spring' by Roger Morgan-Grenville

Thurs 10 Nov : Sara Wheeler and Douglas Russell talk about 'The Worst Journey in the World', a gripping account of Antarctic exploration on Scott's expedition

Tues 6 Dec: Dr Adam Rutherford from the BBCs 'Curious Cases of Rutherford and Fry' talks about human genetics

7-8PM

WINCHESTER COLLEGE COLLEGE STREET WINCHESTER S023 9NA

WELCOME BACK TO FACE TO FACE PARENTS' EVENINGS

We will be returning to face-to-face Parents' Evenings for this academic year. After such a long time engaging virtually, we are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back onto our school site and meeting face to face to support your child's learning and progress.

5TH OCTOBER 2022 YEAR 11 5-8PM 23RD NOVEMBER 2022 YEAR 10 5-8PM 26TH JANUARY 2023 YEAR 11 5-8PM 7TH FEBRUARY 2023 YEAR 8 5-8PM 22ND FEBRUARY 2023 YEAR 9 5-8PM 14TH MARCH YEAR 10 5-8PM 20TH APRIL YEAR 7 5-8PM





INSPIRING FUTURES



Spotlight on Kings' staff

INTRODUCING OUR NEW BUSINESS MANAGER -MR BEN CULLETON



1 What attracted you to the Business Manager role in Kings' School?

I think the biggest draw for me was the fact that it was Kings'. Whilst not a Winchester resident myself (although I have been in the past), I do see Winchester as my spiritual home, and I am fully immersed in Winchester life. I have been aware of Kings' and its excellent reputation for a number of years – I have neighbours whose children came to school here, and my children go to Colden Common Primary School, my wife has sung at the Kings' Christmas Carol concert, so the mention of Kings' is always there on the periphery, and hence, that reputation, coupled with the school's standing within the Winchester community, was the deciding factor when I saw the job advert. Finally, as a retired Army officer, the Kings' ethos and motto resonates with the British Army's values and standards, which was extremely appealing.

2 I know it's early days, but what do you enjoy most in your role?

The staff are just amazing. I have been supported and welcomed like never before. In the Army, where I've been used to a nomadic lifestyle and moving on every 2-3 years, that new-job transition has been fairly lax and you are just expected to crack on without much support. Here, that support has been huge, and everyone is just so helpful and friendly. What I find fascinating, is that people are interested in me and my background, a rarity when I'm used to moving from Army job to Army job and everyone's in the Army as well, so even the good leaders I've worked with in the past tend to not show a great deal of interest in you. I have also enjoyed some of the interaction I've had with pupils. I'm enjoying the politeness and respectfulness of the well-mannered young people here at Kings'. All of the parents I've spoken with have been nice too, even when giving me feedback about Hampshire County Council's school bus service!

3 What do you hope to achieve during your time with Kings' School?

My role requires me to manage the day-to-day running of the non-teaching side of the school, from the premises, site maintenance, health and safety and budgets to staff and HR processes, all of which are the enabling elements that permit the teaching side of the school to happen. Ultimately, if I can do my job correctly, then it sets the school up for success, the pupils can be enriched with their learning and achieve all that they want to achieve.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



GROWING GREAT TEACHERS OUR TEACHERS OF THE FUTURE.

At Kings', professional development of our staff is important to us. We support teachers throughout their careers with a range of opportunities for development and we are incredibly proud of the training we offer. One of the most rewarding parts of training is working with our trainee teachers. We work with other schools in the Winchester Schools Partnership in collaboration with the University of Winchester and are currently supporting teachers to train in Maths, Science, MFL, History and English. Our trainees complete a thorough evidence based programme, working in two different schools and having weekly time at University and in School based training. This week, we hosted a range of trainee teachers from The Westgate School and Kings' looking at teaching and learning and routines in the classroom. We are looking forward to helping them to grow to be great teachers this year. We know that you will join us in welcoming them to our school and wishing them well in their training with us.



Are you interested in a career in teaching?

School Direct Teacher Training Information Evening

School Direct is an innovative school based training route into the teaching profession. Winchester Schools' Partnership, working with The University of Winchester, is pleased to be able to offer School Direct teacher training places commencing in September 2023.

These placements are available in a number of the city's schools with both primary and secondary positions offered. We will be recruiting in a range of subjects at secondary level.

Both the city's schools and The University of Winchester have a proven track record of success in training teachers.

If you are interested in finding out more, we would like to invite you to an Information Evening to be held at The Westgate Lower School, Cheriton Road, Winchester, SO22 5AZ on **Tuesday 27th September 2022 between 6.30pm and 8.00pm**.

More information about the programme, including the schools, the subjects available, our training provision and funding possibilities will be provided.

Please email <u>enquiries@winchesterschoolspartnership.org</u> or call Maggi Edwards on 01962 861161 to indicate that you would like to attend and to receive further information about arrangements for the evening.

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Dates for the diary

27th Sept - Open Morning 28th Sept - Open Morning 28th Sept - Open Evening 29th Sept - INSET DAY 30th Sept - Open Morning 3/5/6th Oct - Yr9 natural history museum 6th Oct u16 girls hockey county final cup 10th oct yr7 meet the tutor 12/13th Oct yr11 h&sc nursery visit 13th u12 girls hockey county tournament 19th oct yr9 last orders/hall & tower 24-28th October half term Iceland trip/pe football residential yr11 art galleries & museum Paris science yr9 Eden project residential



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



WE ARE RECRUITING;

Receptionist Finance Assistant/Purchase Ledger Science Technician Dining Room Assistant Lifeguard Community Supervisor Science Teacher PE Teacher Removal room supervisor

Please see our website for further details